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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON THE
NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC.
2006 MODIFICATION OF AVERAGE SCHEDULE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FORMULA
PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED**

CC Docket 96-45

Comment Date: November 18, 2005

Reply Comment Date: December 2, 2005

On August 30, 2005, the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) filed its 2006 Modifications of Average Schedule Universal Service Formula.¹ These proposed formulas, if approved, would be scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2006 and remain in effect through December 31, 2006. The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on the proposed formulas.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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¹ NECA Modification of the Average Schedule Universal Service High Cost Loop Formula, CC Docket 96-45 (filed August 30, 2005).

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- (2) Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B540, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: sheryl.todd@fcc.gov.
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